

## **BUREAU OF NATURAL RESOURCES - FISHERIES DIVISION**

## **Application for Registration of "Private Waters"**

**Fee: \$70.00** The fee is retained by this department for the examination of the pond whether or not pond is found to be eligible for registration.

Name of pond	
Location of pond	
Size of pond (acres)	
Is pond located entirely on land owned by and recorded in the name of a single individual?	
Name of owner Mailing address of owner	
Telephone Number: Home	
Business	
Is source of water located substantially on land of pond owner (s)?	
Do fish have access from other streams?	
What other streams?	
To what extent?	
Is the pond artificial or natural?	
If artificial, what is height of dam?	
Is the inlet or outlet screened in any way?	
Has pond been stocked at private expense?	
Kind of fishes stocked	
Date of stocking	
Approximate number of each species	
Name and address of firm from whom purchased	
(If pond is owned by a corporation, application must be signed by an officer)	
Signature of Owner (s)	
THIS APPLICATION MUST BE SWORN TO	
County of	
State of	
Personally appeared of	
the signer (s) of the foregoing application and made oath to the truth of the statements therein contained before	e me.
Notary Public, Justice of the Peace	

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Section 26-1 (13) of the General Statutes. "Private waters" shall mean a natural or artificial pond or lake to which the owner, not a corporation, partnership or voluntary association, has exclusive right of access, of which water supply all sources are located substantially within the property of the owner, to which fish do not have access from waters not under the control of such owner or from water stocked at the expense of the state, except that a natural or artificial pond five acres or less in extent may be owned by an individual, a corporation, partnership or voluntary association and when meeting the other requirements of this section such pond may be registered as private waters.

Section 26-131 of the General Statutes. Registration of Private Waters. Any owner of private waters who desires to remove fish from such waters as provided for in this section shall apply to the board for a certificate of registration of such private waters on a form furnished by the board. Such applicant shall furnish the board such information, under oath, as it deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. There shall be a fee of seventy dollars for the examination and registration of such private waters by the board and all such fees shall be remitted by the board to the state treasurer and by him applied to the general fund. Any owner of private waters which have been so registered may take, or permit guests to take, any species of fish from such waters at any season of the year, without a license, provided such waters have not been stocked at expense to the state and provided the board may make regulations governing and prescribing the methods of taking such fish and the conditions under which such fish may be removed from the premises, possessed and transported. The owner of such registered waters shall notify the director in writing, within forty-eight hours, of any change in ownership or other conditions which would invalidate the registration of such waters as private waters under the provisions of this section. Any person who holds such a certificate of registration and who violates any provision of this section or any regulation issued by the board as herein authorized shall be fined not more than two hundred dollars and the board may suspend or revoke such certificate.

Sec. 26-112-40 of the Regulations. Private Waters. Owners of private waters registered with the State Board of Fisheries and Game as provided by the general statutes, and their guests, may remove any species of fish from such waters by any method, except by the use of chemicals or explosives. Fish taken from such waters may be removed from the premises, possessed and transported at any season of the year without regard to legal lengths or daily creel limits, provided such fish, or the package containing such fish, shall have attached thereto a tag or label bearing legible writing showing the registration number issued for such water by the Fisheries Division, the name and address of the owner of such water, the number and species of fish, the date such fish were removed from such water and the name and address of the person removing the same. Such fish shall not be sold, offered for sale or exchange. No fee may be charged for the privilege of fishing in such water.